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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the Examiner on October 3, 2005. Claims 1-17 have been indicated to be allowable. Applicant appreciates the allowance of these claims.

The Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 USC § 103. Applicant has cancelled claim 18 without prejudice in favor of a continuing application, reissue and/or re-examination application.

This amendment now places this application in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2005.

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